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(SBU) Poloff requested a meeting with Farxod Hamraev of the MFA's UN and International Organizations Department to discuss the question of CARICC's eventual location. Hamraev said he was unable to meet with Poloff without prior approval, but was willing to discuss the issue over the telephone. In response to reftel points, Hamraev said that the GOU was considering which of the potential CARICC venue sites to support, but has not yet made a decision. He said that that GOU agrees that it is time to move forward with the project, and that he thinks it likely that a final decision will be reached at the February 7-8 MOU Review Meeting in Tashkent.

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